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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN BLANCO: CUBAN QUESTION

1. FONMIN BLANCO POSTPONED THE CUBAN QUESTION UNTIL WE COULD MEET PRIVATELY AT THE RESIDENCE OVER A LATE SUPPER. HE REVIEWED AT LENGTH THE CUBAN CONNECTION WITH THE TUPAMAROS. I SAID THAT HE COULD HAVE NO DOUBT OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD A FRIEND WHOSE BACK WAS AGAINST THE WALL, AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD REJECT ANY MEASURE WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE TERRORIST RISK TO THE GOA. HE ADMITTED THAT A LIFTING OF THE OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA WOULD HAVE NO PRACTICAL EFFECT ON THE MILITARY EQUATION OF THE GUERRILLA WAR IN URUGUAY. BUT HE SAID THAT AS A MATTER OF PRACTICAL DOMESTIC POLITICS IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR URUGUAY TO CONCERT ITSELF WITH A MOVE TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS UNTIL THERE COULD BE SOME KIND OF ASSURANCES AS TO CUBAN SUPPORT FOR THE TERRORISTS IN THE FUTURE.

2. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN TIDE WAS TOWARD THE RELAXATION OF THE COLLECTIVE MEASURES, THAT THEY WERE ALREADY CONSIDERABLY DILUTED, AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM AFFECTED, BY THE RESUMPTION OF THE RELATIONS OF SO MANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT URUGUAYAN CONCERN ABOUT CUBA WAS BASED

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ON HARD FACTS AND WAS NOT AN EXERCISE IN DOMESTIC DEMAGOGUERY--

A POINT I SAID WE FULLY UNDERSTOOD. HE SAID HE INTENDED IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT SOME FORM OF SUBSTITUTE MEASURES. THESE MIGHT INCLUDE GUARANTEES OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OAS COMMISSION TO MONITOR CUBAN ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION. HE WILL COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH US. IF SOME OTHER MEASURE CAN BE DEVELOPED WHICH CAN BE PRESENTED TO THE URUGUAYAN PEOPLE AS A RELACEMENT FOR THE OUTMODED SYSTEM OF SANCTIONS, HE COULD GO ALONG WITH THE TWO-STEP PROPOSAL.

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